A LETTER.

Live Oak, Fla., Nov. 8, 1905. Hen. W. D. Carn, Supt. Schools, Marion County, Ocala, Fla.:

Dear Sir-In reply to your favor, asking my opinion regarding the effect of prohibition in the counties where it is in force, will say that, to do the subject justice would make this correspondence too voluminous, so will only touch upon some of the most salient points as they occur to me:

In the first place we will advance some of the propositions made by the advocates of whiskey, among the strongest of which is, "that wet towns are more prosperous than dry towns." Fortunately, I am now living in a town which has been dry for twenty years, and its prosperity will easily refute the claim that "to make a town dry is to kill it." Live Oak stands easily a peer of any town in Middle Florida. Its growth during the past five years has been phenomenal, having gained about 4000 in population during that period, making a city now of 6000 inhabitants. From all indications it will continue to grow at the same rate for a number of years to come. This supposition is based upon material facts, for the underlying principle of the prosperity of our city is the high moral standard of our farmers in the country and of our business men in town. I maintain that this condition could not exist under the demoralizing influence of a wet town. Some of our citizens here can readily recall the deplorable state of affairs when whiskey was sold here. Farmers came to town, with all their earthly possessions under heavy mortgage for a year's supply upon which to make a crop, and in some instances their supplies were bought and afterwards traded to barkeepers for whiskey, their farms were neglected and poor crops were made, as under the general credit system there was no incentive to ambition, as the merchant was master-they were only tenants. It is unnecessary to mention the rowdyism that prevailed during this epoch of whiskey selling; sufficient to say that there was plenty of bloodshed and debauchery. We had our barroom bullies, our poker players, our libertines, still we were ne worse than other towns that sold whiskey, but we were among the first to free ourselves from the curse, and today we stand before the world a free and prosperous people, our farmers are out and wire fences are run every where. Improved machinery, fat stock and up-to-date vehicles are everywhere in evidence. Beautiful churches and modern school houses are scattered throughout the county, and this change in the condition of the farmer has made our city the pride of her people, a monument to the cause of temperance, a living refutation of the claim of the whiskey-seller that "to make a town dry will kill it."

Another argument the whiskey-seller will advance is that a town or city should not deprive its citizens of the advantages accruing from the revenue to the dividends from license tax on the whiskey traffic. God forbid that any city should base its prosperity on such blood money, for every dollar of it may be stained with the perfidy and wretchedness of its citizens, aye, even with the blood of its victims. When a people become so depraved that they are willing to sell their freedom and their love of home, when they are willing to throw open the flood-gates of the ruin and destruction that inevitably follow in the wake of the rum trade, they are surely and unpardonably blind to the best interest of the community in which they live.

But, aside from generalities-admitting that thousands of dollars are paid into the city and county treasury for the privilege of selling whiskey-who pays his tax? The consumer, of course, and as about 75 per cent. of the whiskey sold will be within the borders of our own county, we, after all, shoulder this burden.

Then again, who is enriched by the whiskey traffic? We can see no permanent benefit to anyone save the man who sells the whiskey, and are we to have this curse among us that he may become enriched? Does the merchant reap any benefit from the whiskey traffic? I can't see that he does. A man may come to town with a wagon load of cotton and, under the influence of whiskey, may spend the proceeds of his sale with the merchant and possibly not take a dollar home, but in the long run the merchant has not gained anything, for the farmer, following up such extravagance, will never increase his business, will always be a one horse farmer: whereas, on the other hand, an economical administration of his affairs, which requires the best efforts of a clear and sober brain, enables him to spread out, new land is taken in, new mules and wagons are bought and he and the merchant both are benefited by the difference, for it must be understood already that as the farmer prospers, so must the merchant prosper, and whiskey has never brought prosperity to the home of the farmer, nor to the home of and laboring man. I fail to see where all this prosperity is to come from that is to enrich a city, or its people, by the sale of whiskey.

Another argument used against prohibition is, "that it does not prohibit." The law is all right if it is enforced Should we repeal the law because it is violated, or should we not make a law because it will be violated? All laws are violated. We have a law against stealing, but still people steal. Is that ing to her recovery will be suitably any reason we should repeal the law rewarded by W. E. Nix, Kendrick, against stealing? No. And let me | Fla,

say right here, we insist that the prohibition law can be enforced, and has been fully demonstrated here in our county under the administration of our ex-sheriff, Mr. W. Hawkins, (who, by the way, was one of the best officials in Florida). The blind tiger traffic was completely broken up, and it can be done in any county if your sheriff is the right kind of man. Graft, in many instances, is responsible for the existence of blind tigers. The law is all right if your officers are all right. When the law is not enforced you can rest assured that your officers fail to do their duty.

Now, in conclusion, to prove that prohibition does prohibit, that when the law is enforced you have a prosperous town and county, we submit Live Oak and Suwannee county as sufficient proof. We are growing in wealth and happiness, we have the best people in the state, we have no factions, neither religious, political nor social. Our business competition is sharp, but open and above board. We are proud of the business-like, honest administration of our county and municipal government. Our churches schools, banks, mercantile establishments, stock yards, manufacturing industries and homes, are a credit to the town and an evidence of our business sagacity in turning over the whiskey business to our sister towns.

> Yours truly, W. J. Hillman.

Judge A. J. Henry filed a writ of quo warranto in the supreme court Tuesday last. This is the beginning of the proceedings to test the constitutionality of the Buckman bill, passed by the last legislature. The law yers in the case are Cooper & Cooper, of Jacksonville, and A. J. Henry, of Lake City, for the relators; F. B. Moore, of Lake City, and F. L. Stringer, of DeSoto county. It is understood that there will be no unnecessary delay, but it will be pushed to a speedy issue.—Lake City Index.

Man's Unreasonableness

is often as great as woman's. But Thos. S. Austin, Mgr. of the "Republican," of Leavenworth, Ind., was not unreasonable, when he refused to allow the doctors to operate on his wife, for female trouble. "Instead," untrammelled by debt, their homes are he says, "we concluded to try Elecmade beautiful, their farms all show tric Bitters. My wife was then so sick, she could hardly leave her , bed, and five (5) physicians had failed to relieve her. After taking Electric Bitters, she was perfectly cured, and can now perform all her household duties." Guaranteed by Tydings & Co., druggists, price 50 cents.

> At the coming state fair, to be held in Tampa, among the premiums are 50 for the best hard rock, and an equal amount for the best Florida pebble exhibit. At state fairs heretofore held, little attention was paid to the leading and most important mining industry of the state, and it was only through local pride that several of the companies sent minor exhibits, but the inducements this year are likely to stimulate some interest in this direction.

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According to the Advertiser, the hog owners of Zolfo are howling for hunters to come and kill the bears which are devouring their stock .-Punta Gordo Hearld. Next!

LOST OR STRAYED-On Thursday night, Oct. 19, from my home at Kendrick, a black mare, seven to eight definitely be announced with details, years old; has saddle marks on both sides of her back. Information lead-

Sam Jones and "The Clansman."

It is hammer and tongs now with Dr. Len G. Broughton, the Atlanta Baptist divine, and Thomas Dixon, ir., author of "The Clansman. Both gentlemen are Baptists and rich in expletives and adjectives. There is something doing between them. Sam Jones always enjoys a scrap, and, in commenting upon this one, says:

between Dr. Broughton and Tom port. Dixon. I have heard all my life about the devil and Tom Walker, but Dr. visited in Ocala and is soon to be mar-Broughton says it is the devil and Tom Dixon now. Dr. Broughton says: "Miss Ahlum is a charming and Tom Dixon are both Baptists; girl of a pure type of what is known they are my friends; but when it as 'Irish beauty,' blue eyes and dark omes to a faithful Christian minis- hair, an unusual and lovely combinater, there are none more faithful than tion. Mr. Ford is a young man of Dr. Broughton. Tom Dixon has like character and a scion of one of changed fronts — whether he has changed rears or not, I don't know. lies of Shreveport, La., which place I no more believe that the theatre as a place of grace will help man on to God than I believe that the bar room is a temperance organization and run in the interest of temperance. Some good people may go to the theatresome few good people have been in jail; St. Paul got in three times, and Silas and a few others of like character. The force of circumstances has something to do with all matters in this life. I am sure President Roosevelt's visit south will do more to heal old wounds and bring about good feeling than the play of "The Clansman." And when you put such plays as that up as a great moral force and compare it in usefulness along moral lines with the church, they may look as much alike as cats. but cats vary in variety-the prettiest cat I ever saw smelled worst, and would make you odiferous for days to come if you got tangled up with him. If a man likes sensation, let him witness 'The Clansman"; if he wants salvation, let him stay by Dr. Broughton."

Another car load of Marion county grown stuff was shipped to Tampa Monday, under the direction of Mr. Z. C. Chambliss, to take its place at the Marion county exhibit. The shipment consisted of a number of very fine budded pecan trees, a number of bales of various kinds of hay-peavine, velvet bean, crab grass, beggar weed etc., a variety of sugar cane and other farm products.

Marion county will have an exhibit which she will have every reason to be proud of and expects to walk off with the first prize.

Wedding in Which Ocala People are Interested.

Miss Pearl Vetcalf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Metcalf, of Central City, was married to Mr. Charles Sowden, civil engineer for the Illinois Central, on Tuesday evening, October 18, at the home of the bride's parents by Rev. W. B. Wright, Christian minister. The young couple are both very popular, being members of prominent families. Their marriage was a surprise to their many friends .-Ownsboro (Ky.) Messenger.

Notice Tampa Fair Exhibitors. All persons having exhibits for the woman's department to the state fair will please deliver same the first and middle part of next week to me at the Haycraft house, 59 North First street. I want everything packed by the 10th of November, as I leave on the 11th. I hope every one will do the best they can. We are into this thing and do not want to be ashamed of our exhibit. Those sending cake, bread, biscuits and rolls, I will furnish tags and they can send by express on the 15th or 16th. All packages sent by express less than fifty pounds free of charge.

MRS. B. T. PERDUE, 11 3 12t. Commissioner.

Editor Jeff Davis has already made a vast improvement in the Inverness Chronicle, but he tells us the cotton crop is 10,000,000 bales short. Goodness! That leaves less than 1,250,000 bales, and some of us are likely to have to go without shirts next summer.-Punta Gorda Herald.

Phosphate is again very active, and several prospecting parties are in the field in the vicinity of Lakeland. It will only be a little while until it can that one of the largest plants ever erected will be started in the immediate vicinity of Lakeland.-Citrus 10-17tf | County Cronicle.

The Citrus County Chronicle pays the following compliment to attorney Davis of this city:

Assistant State's attorney E. W. Davis is on hand as bright and capable as ever, and is one of the most obliging and competent officers of the court. He will be a candidate for state attorney next year and his many friends in Citrus county will "I have been watching the fight give him a cordial and hearty sup-

> Speaking of a young lady who has ried, the Jacksonville Metropolis the oldest and most prominent famiwill be the future home of the young

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Mr. J. F. Norton, the well known business hustler of St. Petersburg, came up between trains Saturday He says that St. Petersburg is filling up rapidly already with tourists and a land office business is anticipated this winter.

Notice.

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